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Those of us who took 'em off too early have a delightful cold to remind us of the fact.

A statesman is a man who is the leader of the party you belong to. Leaders of the other party are cheap politicians.

Winter appears to be a shameless piece of baggage at best from the way she has been lingering in the lap of spring.

We would like to know if Jimmie Archer of the Jasper Herald is the same man as the famous baseball player of the same name.

We are a little afraid that after spending a month or two in Charleston that General Leonard Wood will lose some of his military "pep."

There may be some more delightful place to live than Lancaster, but not having discovered it as yet we will stick around here for a while.

If we were sentenced to go to war or to make our home in Rock Hill it would take quite a long time for us to make up our mind but we would probably pick the war.

Mexico believes she could annex the United States if it wasn't for Texas and doubtless Charleston thinks she could annex South Carolina if it wasn't for Lancaster.

If they do make the editor of this paper go to war, here's hoping that we can get a furlough in June long enough to enable us to attend the meeting of the South Carolina Press Association.

We have it on good authority that the two German spies here last week with the monkeys and organs claim Gaffney and Spartanburg as their homes, and we might add that they both looked the part.

We have been expecting to see every day that Gary Hlott of the Pickens Sentinel will leave South Carolina after April 25 and seek pastures new, but thus far the announcement hasn't come.

Contrary Mary may have had quite a lot of trouble with her garden but we doubt if she ever had any rains to contend with like those Lancaster gardeners have experienced during the last two months.

We see some strange things on the streets every now and then. Last Sunday we met a man sporting a straw hat and the next man we met was wearing an overcoat. Every man to his own taste as the old lady said when she kissed the cow.

THE FOLLY OF IT.

People of Lancaster are again impressed with the fact that it does not pay for an automobile to take chances with a train. For the last several years the railroads have been appropriating thousands of dollars annually in an effort to avoid accidents at grade crossings and it appears that they have accomplished but little. The accident of last Sunday, in which Lancaster people suffered serious hurts, should serve to bring home to us all the folly of people in automobiles taking chances with trains at crossings.

We sincerely hope that the time may come when our people will learn to take more precautions and to use more care, but it seems that that day must be a long way off.

OBEY THE LAW AND—

It appears to us that the foreign born citizen now making his home in the United States, or for that matter, those of our own citizens feeling a sympathy for Germany, will do well to take cognizance of the advice given by Attorney General Gregory. The Attorney General advises the aliens that they are in no danger in this country if, "you obey the law and keep your mouth shut." It may be that some people will not exactly approve of the Attorney General's words, but nevertheless it sums up the situation better than any other words would.

If a man be a loyal American citizen, he will not be willing to utter treasonous remarks about this country and this government and if he does utter them he should expect to be punished and in nine cases out of ten he will be punished.

AS TO LABOR AGENTS.

We are glad to note by the daily press that Governor Manning has offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of men who are soliciting labor in this State in an effort to entice the farm hands to other States and into other work. The situation as regards labor in South Carolina has become critical and it has grown more so within the last week, following the declaration of war. Many of the young men will certainly have to leave the farms and enter the service of their country and if we sit supinely by and permit Northern labor agents to take our negroes, it will mean utter ruin to many farmers. The average farmer does not need to be induced by an offer of reward to catch these scoundrels who are soliciting our labor, but possibly the reward will appeal to some of the mercenary of the State and result in so many of them being jailed that the remainder will leave this section and leave it for good. We certainly hope so.

THE FLAGS ARE HERE.

The average citizen of Lancaster cannot keep from feeling his pulse stir as he walks up Main street these days. From every store the red, white and blue flies and the patriotism manifested by the city in decorating the street signs with American flags has certainly not passed unnoticed. An American citizen with a soul so dead that he can pass an American flag without emotion is almost an undesirable citizen and should be treated as such.

In this connection we are reminded of the fact that there is a law, or that such a law formerly existed, demanding that every public school in the State display a South Carolina flag from the flagpole of the principal school building. There is no such flag in Lancaster and we do not recall just at present that we ever saw a State flag above a school building, but that does not alter the law. We venture the assertion that many Lancaster school children never saw a South Carolina flag and would fail to recognize it if they did. Now would be a good time to have a South Carolina flag placed on the school building, but "Old Glory" should be there as well.

PRODUCER AND CONSUMER.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Lancaster News appears an interview given out in Columbia by Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers Record of Baltimore, in which the Baltimore editor tells the people of the South that the South in particular and the whole country in general is face to face with starvation if the planters of this country fail this year to produce food crops. Mr. Edmonds cites facts and figures and probably he is in better position to compile accurate data on this subject than any other man in the country. No man can read the interview without being impressed. Mr. Edmonds makes plain the fact that the situation is very serious and he begs the farmers of South Carolina to pay little attention this year to cotton, but instead to devote all their energy and activity to producing something to eat.

We sincerely hope that every Lancaster News subscriber will read with care Mr. Edmonds' interview and after they have read it, that they will be guided thereby. The United States is a great country but it is now face to face with a situation almost as acute as that of the days when the Civil War was being waged and fully as much responsibility devolves upon the farmer in the present crisis as upon the men who will be in the trenches fighting for the American flag. The man with the hoe can do as much service for his country as the man with a gun.

What Others Say

A Funny Man.

A funny man is Mr. Fay. Most puzzling that I know. He wants a war declared today And the other man to go! —Barnwell Sentinel.

Peace at a Price.

The more we learn about the happenings of the past two years the more are we convinced that the president has stood for peace at a mighty big price.—Greenwood Journal.

Little of Either.

The few senators who oppose a war resolution have both the courage and the discretion of the Jersey bull that tried to butt the lightning express train off the track.—Greenville Piedmont.

An Able Man.

Congressman Lever has held the chairmanship of the committee on agriculture longer than any other Democrat, and has accomplished more than any other two men that have headed this committee.—Columbia Record.

Turning of the Scale.

Yes, we firmly believe that the entrance of American into the means the turning of the scale. We would not have anybody think we regard it as a light task; but we believe America is equal to any emergency.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Train Teddy?—Never.

Colonel Roosevelt says that four months from now he will be ready to carry that division across, but while that time is pretty short, it would probably allow of his taking the course of training prescribed for prospective officers.—Columbia State.

Well, Either Way.

What's the matter with Lancaster? Friend Bell is trying to alter its fabled slogan, "Lancaster Leads," to Lovely Lancaster, which is, no doubt, sweeter sounding, but none the less inapplicable. Must have slipped a cog somewhere.—Kershaw Era.

An Awful Creature.

What do you think of the man who would take the paper for a year and then say "I never wanted it." You might not know what you think about him, but if you have any imagination you know what we think about him.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

"Bill" Caldwell Leaves.

We are sorry South Carolina is to lose W. F. Caldwell from the newspaper field. He has been with the News and Courier bureau in Columbia for a number of years, but goes to Washington with the Associated Press. He is a very capable man, and we wish him well.—Newberry Observer.

Old Man H. C. L.

The present high cost of living is likely to have one good effect. It is going to make for lively enlistments in both branches of the government's military service. In the army and navy you get free food, free clothes, free medical attention, and you likewise draw a salary. This cannot be said of any employment in private life.—Rock Hill Record.

German Kultur.

We are at war with a nation which sinks the hospital ship laden with maimed and sick and wounded, which strikes from under sea the vessel on peaceful mission and flying the flag of a neutral nation. We are at war with a nation whose ruler is blood-mad, who would baptize the world in gore, who would start the blaze that would burn a universe to ashes, if it would further his own desperate desire for more power. It will not be a skirmish, this war. We are at war with a great power. We will win but not without great shedding of blood and spending of treasure.—Monroe Enquirer.

A Beautiful Tribute.

A citizen suggests to us that we start a movement for a fund to send the veterans of Kershaw county to the annual reunion at Washington this summer. This will probably be the last reunion the old fellows will ever have and it would be a beautiful tribute to these gallant old men who are fast passing away. Many of the towns of the State are taking the matter up starting subscription campaigns to send their veterans on. We hope the people of this county will get in line with the other towns. The Chronicle will receive donations to this fund and see that it is properly applied. The citizen suggesting the movement tells us to call upon him for three dollars and this paper will give a like amount.—Camden Chronicle.

Our Scrap Basket

This is a Joke.

One of them—"They say Miss Tytts has teeth like pearls." The other—"I shouldn't wonder, for she is dumb as an oyster."

No Ill-Luck.

There is no such thing as ill-luck. The man or woman who is always unlucky generally is so because he or she does not grasp chance when it comes. Luck is wholly a matter of making the most of our opportunities.

Iowa's Farm Machinery.

Iowa farming implements are worth more than the farm implements of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada combined.

From the New Dictionary.

A Watch Word—"What time is it?" A Scrap of Paper—A prize fight waged in the newspapers. A Stinging Retort—The bees. Fresh Country Butter—A young goat with half-grown horns. A Sunset—A lazy boy. A Chicken Sandwich—A pretty girl seated on the sea-beach.

A Wish For Each Day This Week.

Sunday—May everybody try to make somebody else happy. Monday—May the strawberries last a long time. Tuesday—May the mail man bring us good news in a letter. Wednesday—May the flowers be prettier than ever this summer. Thursday—May as many as possible be happy today. Friday—May we get through with the week's cleaning in a hurry. Saturday—May the powers that be lower food prices soon.

Did You Know That—

The malene gas is better than acetylene for welding? St. Paul candy factories consume 3,000,000 pounds of sugar yearly. United States loaned about \$300,000,000 in foreign countries last year? The laboring classes of Seville live principally on vegetables, with an occasional meal of dried fish and bread? Cameo-cutting one of the most ancient of occupations, has just been introduced into the United States?

Garden Hints.

Sow seed in straight rows, not too deep. Radish, lettuce and onions should be covered only one-quarter to half an inch deep; cucumbers and melons about one inch; corn, peas and beans two inches. Pack soil firmly over seed after covering. Don't sow seeds too thickly. Potato peelings can be used for seed. Do not sow beans until all danger of frost is past. Beets may be sown as early as the ground is in condition. Lettuce may be sown at intervals. Cabbage should be sown in a well prepared spot and transplanted in the garden when large enough to handle. Plant onion sets early in the spring. Swiss chard should be sown early. A back yard garden cultivated for the first time should be well spaded at least a spade deep. The soil should be turned over and left to sun for a few days. A light dressing of wood ashes or air-slacked lime will correct acidity.

One Cent's Worth of Electricity.

One cent's worth of electricity will do the following things: Operate a sewing machine two hours. Keep six-pound iron hot fifteen minutes. Heat electric curling iron fourteen times. Percolate four cups of coffee. Lift 100 gallons of water 100 feet. Give light of seventy-five candles for one hour. Toast bread for six persons. Operate luminous radiator for eight minutes. Warm baby's bottle twice. Cook Welsh rarebit in chafing dish. Keep heating pad hot two hours. Heat eight-inch electric stove eight minutes. Operate twelve-inch fan two hours. Vulcanize four automobile tire patches. Keep foot-warmer hot one-quarter hour. Raise passenger elevator five stories in a minute. Operate electric griddle eight minutes. (Calculating current at 10 cents per kilowatt-hour rate.)

Here and There

Slushy Stanzas.

When a girl starts to painting her face, You may know she has entered the race To get her a man, Any kind that she can, In any old way, time or place.

This is a Joke.

"Do you think the time will ever come when there will be no money in politics?" "I can't say," replied the other, "but it won't be our fault if it doesn't. We have done all we could to remove all we could get our hands on."

Did You Know That

In Lapland men and women dress exactly alike? Asia contains one-third of the land surface of the earth? Fernando El Cano, of Santa Rosa, Cal., says he is 115 years old? That the finest pearls are produced in the Persian gulf and about Ceylon? The deaths from accidents in the United States aggregate 35,000 per year? That in the last five years our National and State law makers have passed 62,550 laws? That the sky lark and the wood lark are thought to be the only birds that sing as they fly? If the sea should rise one twenty-sixth of its depth, one-half of the land would be under water? Candle lamps bright enough to be used on bicycles and motorcycles have been invented in France? Smoking in the dark is no pleasure—not so with kissing a fair damsel. Everything has its place? If your conscience is active, it makes precious little difference what church you belong to? George Washington was never licked until they put his picture on a postage stamp? A news item tells of a man taking his twentieth wife, having been divorced nineteen times. He's letting trouble take its course? Men who can't manage without a wife will find that they don't manage with one? Swearing off continually is a bad habit? The less a man knows the more stubborn his argument. That's what everyone thinks when he gets mad because the other fellow refuses to be convinced? In women's shoes it is a case of the survival of the smallest? The books that are found in running brooks must be "racy" stories? A crazy person thinks those around him must be dippy? What's the use of being dignified and sedate just to please your wife if it takes all the pleasure out of life for you? While a woman makes a good deal of fuss about it, she admires the man who has gumption enough to put his foot down once in a while and say things shall be so and so? Man may like to pass his affections around, but he will insist that those who receive any part thereof give all in return? There are some so ignorant that it is no embarrassment to them? There's nothing so difficult about being a family man. First get your wife and the rest will come to you rapidly enough? Some folks waste as much time telling you how busy they are as it would take to do the work? When you see a woman throwing balls at the nigger babies at a street carnival and knocking them down every shot, you have a curiosity to see what condition her hubby's features are in? The French fishing fleet of Newfoundland, caught last year 23,294,428 pounds of cod? There is more real pleasure in getting \$2.00 that you do not expect than in getting many times that amount that you have labored faithfully for? The man who knows himself must smile over the way he has fooled those who compliment him, but the pleasure may be marred by wondering whether the compliment was a deliberate lie? What puzzles a woman whose experience with a bank account has been brief is why they show her balance in red figures oftener than in black? Poker is really not a game of chance. There's no chance to be a winner if you stick to it? You never realize how many things a wife will forgive a hubby who loves her until you try it awhile? An headdress and a hairless title sometimes go together? A census of the financial condition of the newspapers of the country shows no change?